

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Between the seventh and eighth paragraphs on page 8 of the substitute specification filed on May 17, 2005, please insert the following paragraph:

FIG. 5C illustrates a cross-sectional view of a hose in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

In addition, please replace paragraph [0036] of the substitute specification filed on May 17, 2005, with the following:

[0036] The second connection member 420a is formed of an elastic rubber molded at an end portion of the second cylinder portion 320 as one unit therewith. The second connection member 420a is cylindrical, and includes a plurality of reinforcing ribs 421a on an outside circumference for reinforcing strength. As shown in FIG. 5A, the reinforcing ribs 421a project from the outside circumferential surface of the second connection member 420a in a radial direction, are disposed at regular intervals along a circumferential direction thereof, and extend in a length direction thereof. For example, the reinforcing ribs 421a project from upper and lower, left and right sides of the outside circumferential surface of the second connection member 420a, to form a cross when the first connection member 420a is seen from a front, as shown in FIG 5C. The reinforcing ribs 421a reinforce strength and an elastic restoring force of the second connection member 420a.